

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

The drawings stand objected to for allegedly failing to clearly depict the reference numbers and the elements referenced thereby.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to the drawings.

In the interests of expediting the prosecution of the instant application, and without admission that any amendment is necessary, the Applicant submits herewith replacement drawings of Figs. 1-12.

The drawings also stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a).

The Applicant respectfully traverses the 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) objection to the drawings.

In the interests of expediting the prosecution of the instant application, and without admission that any amendment is necessary, the Applicant has amended the specification to more clearly describe the features and elements of the present invention as fully and completely depicted in the Figures as originally filed. The Applicant avers that no new matter has been introduced.

As such, Figs. 8 and 10-12, and the corresponding text in the specification, clearly describe all of the elements claimed in claims 18-21. More specifically, Figs. 8 and 10-12 all depict a cap element and the corresponding text describes a cap element, either in specific or general terms, and thus there is no need for cancellation of features from the claims or the supplying of any additional drawings as suggested by the Examiner.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-21 are pending.

Claims 14-17 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 18-21 are allowed.

The drawings have been amended to more clearly depict the present invention as fully and completely described in the specification and drawings as originally filed. The Applicant avers that no new matter has been introduced.

The specification has been amended to correct several typographical errors and to more clearly describe the features and elements of the present invention as fully and completely depicted in the Figures as originally filed. The Applicant avers that no new matter has been introduced.

DRAWINGS OBJECTIONS

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Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the objection to the drawings has been overcome.

SPECIFICATION OBJECTIONS

The specification stands objected to for allegedly containing informalities.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to the specification.

In the interests of expediting the prosecution of the instant application, and without admission that any amendment is necessary, the Applicant has amended the specification to remove the allegedly informal language. The Applicant avers that no new matter has been introduced.

The specification also stands objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the objection to the specification.

In the interests of expediting the prosecution of the instant application, and without admission that any amendment is necessary, the Applicant has amended the specification to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that the objection to the specification has been overcome.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 18-21 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the Application. The Applicant respectfully submits that each item raised by the Examiner in the Office Action of May 6, 2005 has been successfully traversed, overcome or rendered moot by this response. The Applicant respectfully submits that each of the claims in this Application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 364-4300 if any unresolved matters remain.

Any needed extension of time is hereby requested with the filing of this document.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501612. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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